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TUNIA SERVICE

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POSTAGE.—We pay postage on all orders of £1.

CONDITIONS.—Your satisfaction assured.



1935 Show Wins.



At the S.A. Gladioli Annual Show, held at Masonic Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide, our seedlings won the following awards: Showing in nine classes we won Champion Seedling, Fallu Challenge Cup, George Murray Cup for most successful exhibitor in Show, and nine first prizes. All with unnamed seedlings.

ABOUT OUR SEEDLINGS

To Lovers of Aristocratic Exhibition Glads:—

In compiling this catalog we have endeavoured to give you an honest description of varieties grown under our South Australian conditions. Conditions which are at times trying in the extreme, as our weather may not be entirely suitable to Glads. In our field trials, varieties must at times stand up to a dry heat of 104 degrees in the shade. For a Glad. to stand up to these conditions it must first of all be very vigorous and produce a spike practically immune to twisting.

It is not our intentions of boring our Gladdy fans with the system we adopt in the cross fertilizing of our Glads. beyond the fact that we will not under any circumstances use a parent that will not stand up to our climatic conditions.

Without exception, all our seedlings must first of all show great promise in their field trials, and these are planted to bloom in December, when we have the mercury soaring over the century. The most outstanding are then propagated and planted to bloom in early spring, and again in autumn. Any developing bad faults are ruthlessly discarded, whereas others showing a distinct improvement on any variety in commerce are then grown under conditions identical to Ballarat. In our tests we have found that varieties capable of a 5 to 6 in. floret in South Australia are more than apt to produce a 7 in. floret in our Melbourne and hills trial grounds.

To date, we have not tested Blue Wonder and Tunia's Triumph in these trial grounds, as all stocks had to be withheld for propagation. Next season they will be tested out under more favorable conditions and anticipate some very favorable reports.

The extent to which we ruthlessly discard our seedlings may be gauged by a report from our Melbourne trial grounds, where we sent 200 seedlings which were discarded in their fourth trial in South Australia, and which were rated 100 per cent. perfect in Melbourne. The same varieties were sent to another grower in South Australia to be grown under ideal conditions. This grower is undoubtedly our most successful exhibitor. His report was to the effect that with the exception of 15 they were vastly superior to any of the varieties grown by him. To substantiate his remarks, quite a number we have definitely discarded were shown, and greatly assisted in his winning the Mahomet Allum Cup for most successful exhibitor in Australian-raised Glads.

It is definitely not our intentions of releasing more than three or four varieties each year, as unless they show a decided improvement on the latest varieties in commerce, unnamed seedlings they will stay.

Our aim has been, not to produce a perfect exhibition spike with a washed-out colouring, but a bright, distinct colour. A pastel blend appeals to us, but there must also be that delicate depth in the make-up. Salbach's Golden Goddess and Palmer's Picardy are ably demonstrated in this direction—the former for its soft, yet distinct, yellow self, and the latter for the delicate soft blend.

In our re-selected seedlings, we have some very outstanding varieties, but our 1937 releases will depend on their 1936 performances.

Your patronage, large or small, will be equally appreciated.

TUNIA SERVICE,

E. BOTH, Proprietor.

"THE SENSATIONAL" "TUNIA'S TRIUMPH"

**Hailed by Leading South Australian Gladioli Specialists
As "THE BEST YET"**

The Gladioli that Held South Australian SPELLBOUND in 1934-5.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

(Copy)

17 Norman Street,
Woodville, S.A.
14th December, 1934.

I feel that I cannot let the occasion pass without writing to compliment you on the magnificent array of Gladiolus Seedlings tabled by you at our recent Spring Show.

I can truthfully say there has been no finer display of seedlings at any previous show of Glads. in South Australia.

As for that wonderful Orange Scarlet that won the Championship, I am confident that this variety, with mammoth florets, brilliant color, placement and texture, is destined to become one of the most outstanding originations. It was all the more a creditable achievement when one considers that it was grown out "in the field" and exposed to hot winds.

I might mention that a number of us were discussing this spike after the show, and, to see the effect, subjected it to a vigorous shaking, without, however, any effect on its placement and rigidly-held florets.

I predict a world-wide future for this Gladiolus.

In conclusion allow me once more to congratulate you, and express the wish that your endeavours to give to the Gladioli world only the very best will meet with every success.

I remain, dear sir, etc.,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Victor J. C. Stevens
(Vice-Pres. S.R.G.S.)

Copy of Judges' Report.

FALLU CUP WINNER, 1934

Among other qualities, a really good Gladioli must possess substance, size, placement, and colour.

The massive Orange Scarlet seedling which won the Fallu Cup for 1934 combined each of these requirements to a marked degree—a very bold, arresting bloom, for which I predict a great future.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) H. R. Hancock.

Ambleside Railway.

19 Henley Street,
Torrensville, S.A.
5th June, 1935.

In our last Spring Gladiolus Show in November, 1934, the most conspicuous bloom was a huge Orange Scarlet Seedling.

This magnificent Grandiflorous, with seven eight-inch blooms, perfectly placed, simply dwarfed such varieties as "Queen Mary" and "Mrs. S. A. Errey." Although this bloom had not been dressed from an exhibitor's point of view, it naturally graced itself as a champion. **Its magnetism held the public three and four deep while the show remained open.**

Finally, I will forecast a great future for this unnamed seedling—a triumph for lovers of a perfect specimen in the grandiflorous type.

(Signed) CLEM HILL.

16 Bond Street,
Hindmarsh, S.A.

Your successes at the recent S.A.G. Show must have been very gratifying to you. To win every first prize in the seedling classes must surely be a record. Still, knowing the quality of your latest productions in Gladioli, one could not have expected the decisions to be otherwise. May I offer you my heartiest congratulations on your really excellent performance.

We are now wondering what we may expect next year, as it was our privilege to see a well high perfect exhibition spike in your "Blue Wonder"—quite equal to any of the other coloured spikes exhibited with, perhaps, the exception of "Tunias Triumph," which is in a class on its own and destined to eventually be proclaimed a world-wide champion.

(Signed) K. G. McGregor.

"Mail" Report.

DISPLAY CREDIT TO GROWERS.

Delicate Shades at Gladioli Show.

Masses of blooms varying in color from pure white to pink, purple, yellow, scarlet, blue, and near black were shown at the spring show of the S.A. Gladiolus Society in the Masonic Hall, North Terrace, this afternoon.

Considering the recent weather, the display was a credit to growers. The standard was high and they were of a fine type.

The seedling classes were particularly strong, and the champion, an excellent blue, was to be commended. Blues were usually puny, but this entry combined size and substance.

Seymour Avenue,
King's Park,
10th December, 1935.

I wish to congratulate you on again winning the cup for the best Seedling Gladiolus at the South Australian Gladioli Society Show for 1935. This win, following your previous success of 1934, shows the quality of the seedlings you are producing.

The 1934 seedling, and Orange, Scarlet with plenty of substance, and the number and size of Florets, qualify it to be a Champion.

Following the 1934 success by again winning the Cup in 1935 is outstanding; this time with a magnificent Blue, with eleven 5-inch florets open at one time. This feature, combined with the beautiful shade of blue, will make the future popularity of this variety assured.

Yours faithfully,
Walter Motteram.



"Tunia's Triumph"

**Champion Seedling,
S.A.G.S., 1934**



Actual Measurements:

Bottom Floret $7\frac{1}{2}$ in.

2nd-5th Floret ... $6\frac{1}{2}$ in.

6th and 7th Floret 6 in.

Total Length of Spike,
4 ft. 6 in. long.

1936 RELEASE

"TUNIA'S TRIUMPH"

A TRIUMPH FOR EXHIBITION AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Colour—light Orange, Scarlet Self.

Size of Bloom—7½ to 8 in. across.

Substance—Extra heavy texture—almost on a par with Moorish King.

Placement—The huge florets are perfectly faced and placed.

Number Out—This naturally varies according to weather conditions, but results to date have given us 7 to 9 florets.

Spike—Perfect gun barrel type. The wide, open florets are not cramped, nor do they show any gaps.

Foliage—The foliage is almost identical to that of Picardy, a tall, strong, wide-foliaged plant.

Early Bloomer—As in Picardy, takes from 85 to 90 days.

Multiplication—Best sized yearlings produce from 30 to 50 cormlets.

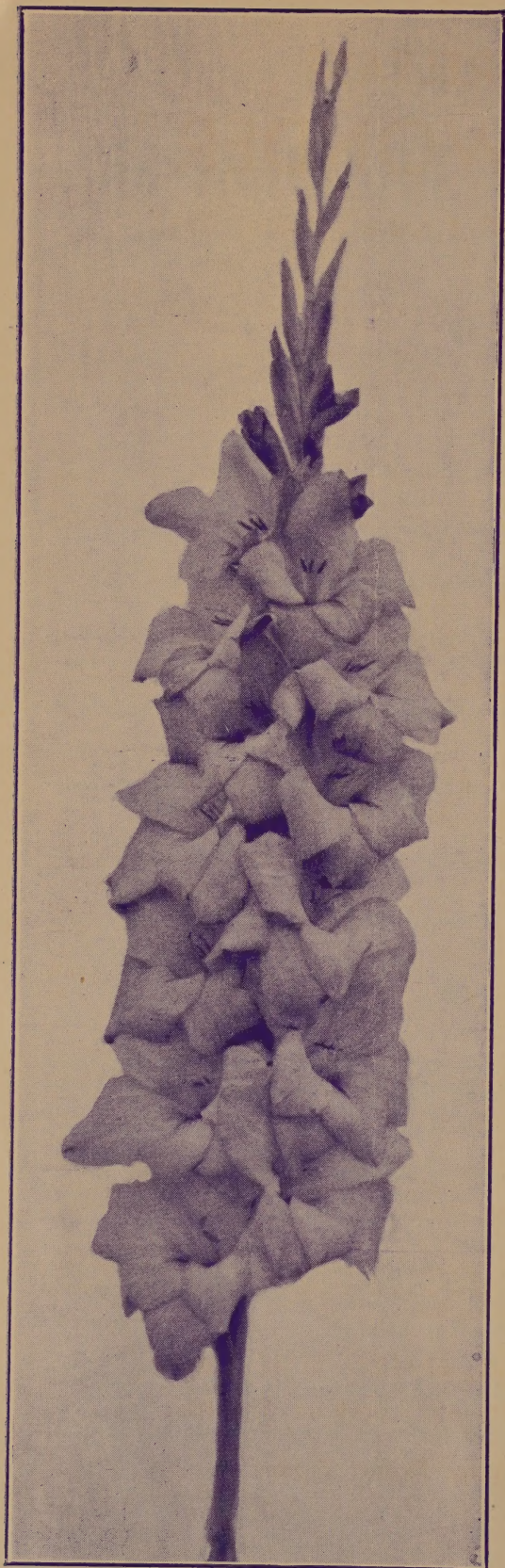
TUNIAS TRIUMPH has been hailed by leading South Australian experts as the best yet, and will undoubtedly be favorably received as one of the most outstanding amongst the new giants. Unlike some of the present new giants, Tunia's Triumph has a wonderful brightness and depth of colour which in our estimation is an essential feature. The heavy texture enables the florets to withstand our hottest weather conditions—this was ably demonstrated last season, when for three consecutive days a spike of T.T. was exposed to a hot north wind, opened up 7 perfectly-formed mammoth florets, was kept in the freezer for 4½ days, and was then awarded the **champion** seedling.

Stocks are Extremely Limited and Only a Small Quantity are Available for Export.

PRICE: Large, 1½ in. and up £5 each or 20 dollars each.

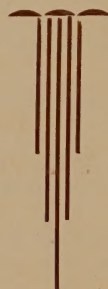
Selected Cormlets, 10/- each or 2 dollars each.

No Yearlings for Sale, 1936.



"Blue Wonder"

**Champion Seedling,
S.A.G.S., 1935**



Actual Measurements:

Bottom Floret 5 in.

2nd-7th Floret $4\frac{1}{2}$ in.

8th-12th Floret ... $4\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Total Length of Spike,
4 ft.

Actual Photograph of
Winning Spike,
S.A.G. Show, 1935.

(Taken Day after Show)

1936 RELEASE

"BLUE WONDER"

CHAMPION SEEDLING S.A.G.A. SHOW, 1935.

Blue Wonder is not being offered as a first rate commercial variety, as in our field trials we have found it necessary to stake the spike in very hot weather. In cooler weather it is, however, not necessary to stake. This variety consistently throws tall exhibition spikes and is quite an easy matter to pick spikes with 14 to 16 open florets. The plant and foliage has strong and healthy leaves, often measuring 3 in. across. The florets, which are of a medium light blue, are perfectly spaced and faced and are of good substance.

At our recent S.A.G.A. Show this variety created quite a sensation amongst the Glad. fans, and was successful in winning champion seedling, first in six blues, three blues, six one colour, three one colour; also shown in our winning seedling classes of three, six, twelve, and twenty-four distinct seedlings. The misplaced floret (9th) eventually cost it the grand champion.

Large—1½ in. and up. 25/- each or 5 dollars.

Cormlets (Selected).—2/6 each or 50 cents.

No Yearlings for Export Trade.

"TUNIA'S BLUE"

This outstanding seedling first came under our notice when it produced a 6 in. floret from its first seedling growth. Next season we were rewarded with a spike showing 16 buds with seven 6-in. florets open. Last season we tested this seedling in the hills, and were rewarded with one of the most outstanding spikes it has been our privilege to see in the blues. We were again anxious to try it out under conditions similar to Ballarat, and therefore sent a bulb to our private testing grounds in Melbourne, and no doubt the report on this variety would be of interest:—

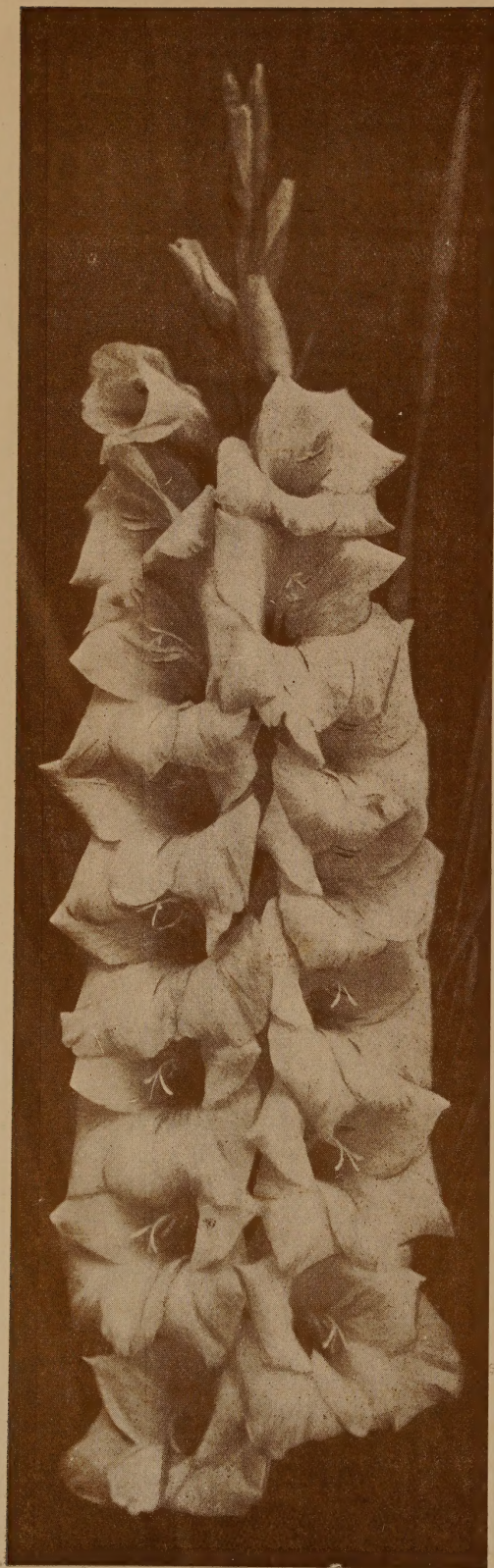
"918SS was as good as anyone could wish for, and nearly 100 per cent. in my rating. Tunia's Blue comes under the same heading, and as far as blues go, you must surely have the champion "King of the Blues." The corm split and threw two spikes on a medium length spike, but excellent under the circumstances. Flower placement was excellent, and the two first flowers measured 7½ in. from tip to tip across the centre. It amazed me as it did everyone who saw it. "P," grown under the same conditions, only produced a 5-in. floret. Took 122 days to bloom. Both were grown in virgin soil, without any artificial help."

Tunia's Blue is a strong, vigorous grower. The colour is a shade lighter than Pelegrina, and in our estimation will rank as near to blue as this variety. Not a good propagator, averaging 10 to 20 cormlets.

Large.—1½ in. and up, £2/10/-, or 10 dollars.

Cormlets (Selected).—5/- each or 1 dollar.

No Yearlings for Export Trade.



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Champion bloom of the Show at Ballarat Horticultural Society's Show, 1928; also best Seedling in the Show, 1928.

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Champion bloom of the Show at Bacchus Marsh Show, Bacchus Marsh, 1929.

Champion bloom of the Show at the Royal Horticultural Autumn Show of Victoria, 1932.

The originator's conservative description:—

"A beautiful shade of mauve with white blotch on lower petals, white featherings, perfect placement; ideal straight spike."

Large 3/6 each
Cormlets 3/6 doz.

MOSRAE

A typical Swenson spike with 10 to 12 large, perfectly-formed blooms of a Rosy Cerise, deeper colour at edge of petals, cream blotch, with lines in the throat.

Large 5/- each
Medium 3/6 each
Small 2/- each
Cormlets 6d. each

VIVA CLEGG

Ground colour white with petal edged pink, deeper at edges, and sometimes flecked with darker shade. A beautiful colour combination. Good spike with nice large round blooms. All perfectly faced.

Large 5/- each
Medium 3/6 each
Small 2/- each
Cormlets 9d. each

STORM TRIUMPHANT

A new smoky novelty of unusual colour. A reddish mahogany brown, with a bright line down each petal and a velvety crimson blotch in the throat brightens up the flower. Good form, large flowers with 8 open.

Large 7/6 each
Medium 5/6 each
Small 3/6 each
Cormlets 9d. each

RAEMOS

Colour—a deep rosy cerise, but brighter at edge of petals, distinct lemon blotch, with small cerise feather in throat. Long spike with 10 open.

Large 5/- each
Medium 3/6 each
Small 2/- each
Cormlets 6d. each

1935 RELEASES



MAC

A huge Orange Scarlet, with a small Violet blotch on the lower petal. In South Australia this variety produced 5 in. to 6 in. florets, whereas in our Melbourne trial grounds it produced 7 in. florets.

The spike is perfectly straight and long, but placement of first floret is not at all times perfect. Excellent for cut flower trade, or massed display.

Large, 5/- each, or 1 dollar

Cormlets, 6d. each or 10 cents

RAYSHEAN.

A very delicate Blue, with Yellow markings on lower petal. Vigorous grower giving a tall, straight spike, with eight perfectly spaced blooms $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 5 in. across.

Large, 5/- each, or 1 dollar

Cormlets, 6d. each or 10 cents

Special Announcement

1936 Releases:

F.R.S.—Raised by the world-famed raiser of Bill Sowden, Mr. E. J. Fallu. A massive dark red, producing 8-10 6 in. florets. Champion seedling 1932 S.A.G.S.

PINK SELECTION.—A sport of Our Selection, giving an identical perfectly formed spike. Delicate pink with deeper blotch. Large, 15/-; Cormlets, 1/6 each.

If your present Gladdie Supplier has not stocks of the following varieties we would be pleased to supply you at current rates:—

DAY DREAM.—(Young N.Z.), Delicate Salmon, 5/- ea.

MISS N.Z.—New Zealand's giant, 7 in. florets.

ALEC CURRIE.—Blue.

DANNY BOY.—Deep plum, scarlet blotch.

MILFORD.—Delicate blue.

PITITI.—Salmon.

TAKINA.—Massive rosaline purple.

MAUNGA.—Largest white.

BUSHFIRE.—Scarlet.

D. A. HAY.—Pink.

KALAROMA.—Salmon orange.

LIALLA.—Light pink.

MRS. CLEM HILL.—Delicate pink.

REDWING.—Salmon red.

ROSY MORN.—Rosy salmon.

We are at present propagating over 1,000 varieties. Our general catalog of Glads from the world's leading originators posted free on application. Lists available in June, 1936.

Surprise Packet Collections.

Our collections (Our Selection) will agreeably surprise you. Clients state color and whether Australian, American, or Continental varieties required. From 10/- upwards.

DECORATIVE DAHLIA



"PINK PERFECTION"

A beautiful delicate Orange Pink Informal Decorative Dahlia, producing 8 in. florets on a long, stiff stem. Strong, healthy grower.

Limited stock available, March, 1937.

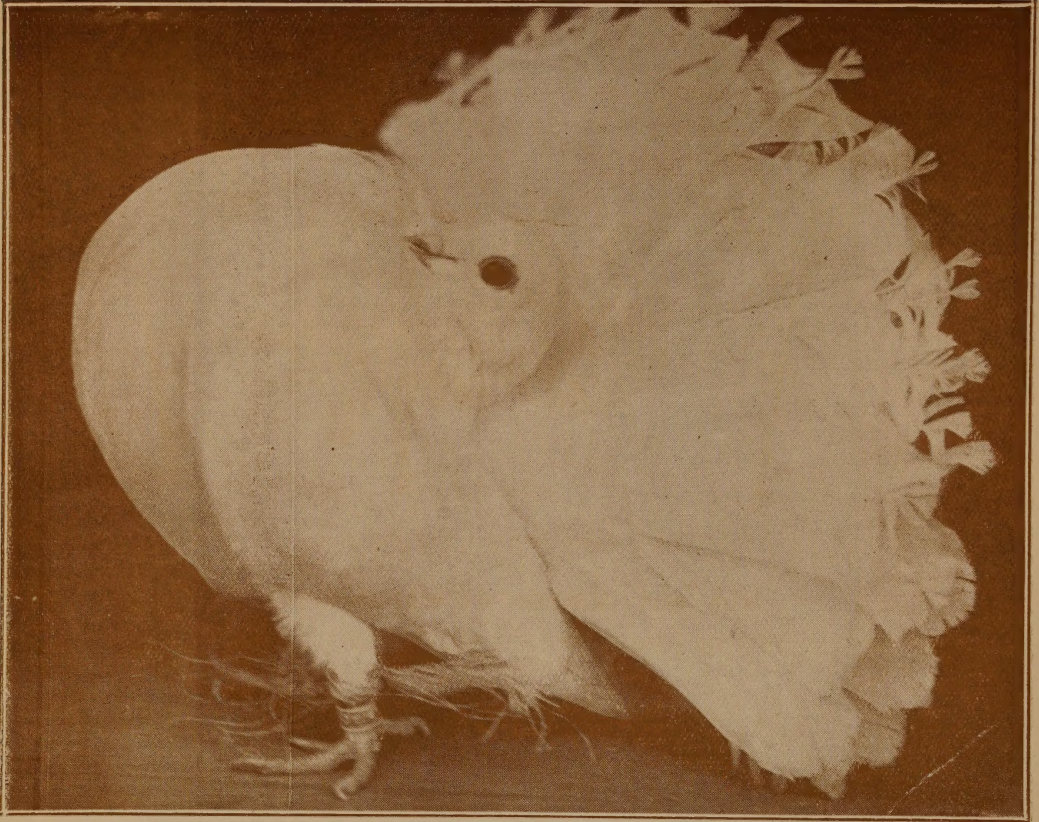
Pot Tubers, 25/- each, or 5 dollars.

Orders for March, 1937, delivery must be booked before August, 1936.

GLAD FANS!

THE ARISTOCRAT OF ALL PIGEONS

THE FANTAIL



"Dinkum 4th," Champion Fantail C. and P., 1935.

Strains—Loutit, Boulderstone, Deekes, Gray, Thurston See.

Our present strain originated from the sensational "Blue Wonder," winner many cups and trophies; also champion young pigeon in the Crystal Palace Show. Also "Victory," the winner of "Victory" Cup at the Crystal Palace Show.

Our wins at Australian Classics are as follows:—

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| <p>1935—Champion Fantail C. & P.
 1934—Champion Fantail C. & P.
 1933—Not shown.
 1932—Not shown.
 1931—Champion Young Fantail C. & P.,
 Champion Pigeon Port Adelaide
 Poultry and Dog Society.
 1930—Champion Young Fantail C. & P.
 1929—Champion Young Fantail C. & P.</p> | <p>1928—Not shown.
 1927—Champion Young Fantail C. & P.
 1926—Champion Young Fantail S.A.F.
 Club Show.
 1925—Champion Young Fantail C. & P.,
 Champion Fantail S.A.F. Club
 Show.
 1924—Champion Young Fantail S.A.C.
 Show.</p> |
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Winners of 11 Cups, three Gold Medals, 40 Blue Ribbons, several hundred Firsts and Seconds.

Pedigreed Stock available at Reasonable Prices.

Correspondence a Pleasure.

Choice Charming Cyclamen



Three Seedlings—actual size, $4\frac{3}{4}$ in. across

THE BEST WINTER FLOWERING PLANT

FOR CUT FLOWERS IN WINTER, OR FOR SALE IN POTS, CYCLAMEN CANNOT BE EXCELLED

In 1929 we imported practically all the named varieties of Cyclamen in commerce. Only the very best were selected and cross fertilized. Since then we have each year selected out of approximately 10,000 seedlings only ones showing an improvement on their parents. The result is we now have a very choice collection.

SEED FROM PEDIGREED SEEDLINGS:

10 seeds	2/6, 50 cents.
25 seeds	5/-, 1 dollar
50 seeds	7/6, 1½ dollars
100 seeds	10/-, 2 dollars

Seed from named varieties, comprising Large Flowered, Pioneer, Pers Giganteum, Butterfly, Rokoko, Lemanian, etc.

In Mixture Only:

1,000 seeds	30/-, 6 dollars
100 seeds	5/-, 1 dollar

South Australian Gladiolus Society

We Hold the World's Record for Youngest Member

"Bob," our budding young hopeful, was five hours old when nominated and accepted as a member of our Glad. Society.

A Facsimile of his Member's Ticket.

South Australian Gladiolus Society JUNIOR MEMBER'S TICKET

Mr. ROBERT BOTH

YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1936

E. H. OTHAMS, Hon. Sec.

If you are interested in Gladioli, we feel quite confident you will be interested in the South Australian Gladioli 1936 Year Book. It's our Special Centenary Issue, and brimful of interesting articles by prominent raisers and growers about the Glads. "down under." Free to members only.

E. H. OTHAMS,
Hon. Sec. South Aus. Gladiolus Society,
2 Olive Road,
St. Peters,
South Australia.

Find herewith enclosed 5/- (one dollar) for membership in your Society.

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